



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicants: Kit Yeng Lim et al.

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Examiner : Anuradha Ramana

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Title: Apparatus And Method To Stabilize And Repair An Intervertebral Disc

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 24, 2004

Our File: 2026-00900

Date: July 23, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants acknowledge the Final Office Action dated February 24, 2004. In response, Applicants submit the following arguments and respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

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